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# Valiant's New Incursion into Supernatural, Cosmic Style

The Valiant Universe has always been a vast realm with plenty of room for fictional genres, from science fiction to fantasy to horror to superhero action to historical drama—but it's venturing into a new realm with *Incursion*, a four-issue series by Alex Paknadel, Dan Abnett, & Doug Braithwaite that blends supernatural horror with extradimensional cosmic adventure.

"I'd argue that this is tonally in keeping with other Valiant events like *The Valiant* and *Book of Death*, but horror-supernatural is certainly what we're aiming for. That said, *Incursion* is co-plotted with *Andy Diggle*, so there's no way we're going to be scrimping on blistering, character-driven action. It's the smart, high-stakes Valiant product you know and love, but with a few more exploding undead."

The series introduces readers to a realm known as the Deadside, "where the souls of the dearly departed linger—and where demons wait for us in the dark," Valiant said in its solicitation copy for the book. "For countless ages, Earth's chosen protectors have guarded the veil between both worlds—but there are other doors to the Deadside, through which gruesome terrors from galaxies untold can trespass... With the planet's freedom at stake, can the reigning Geomancer and her steadfast Eternal Warrior stand together against an invasion unlike any they've ever witnessed?"

Paknadel explained that the book came about when "Andy Diggle and Valiant Editorial had this great idea of a covert invasion of Earth via the Deadside. I don't know about you, but I think that's as unsettling as it gets. Andy and I have wanted to work together for a while, and he likes my stuff, so he asked the Valiant guys if he could bring me on board—and here we are. When I found out Doug Braithwaite was involved, I started doing cartwheels. Honestly, everyone's going to flip when they see the pages Doug's turning in."

In some ways, *Incursion* is reminiscent in tone of Lovecraftian horror, some of which had some science fiction at its core. "Lovecraft is certainly in the mix," Paknadel acknowledged, "but the threat in cosmic horror is usually radically unknowable—something that can't be described or even properly perceived because our feeble little monkey brains aren't equipped to process manifestations of ancient gods."



"The threat in *Incursion*—Imperatrix Virago—is almost perversely recognizable, but here's the thing: Sometimes recognizable threats are more frightening. The idea that there are creatures out there with very human desires and impulses scares me far more than some remote, inscrutable titan. I mean, have you met the human race? We're terrifying!"

What brings the inhabitants of the Deadside to the Valiant Earth? What is their goal? And who will have to stop them? "It's not so much the inhabitants of the Deadside invading the Valiant Earth as some pretty nasty hombres called xenoghosts—undead servants of Imperatrix Virago—who've figured out how to use the Deadside as a nifty transport medium," Paknadel said. "This army of maggot-riddled abominations is intent on securing our world for the Imperatrix, and they are very, very hard to kill what with being already dead and all. As to who stops them, it's no secret that the marquee name in this book is one Gilad Ani-Padda, the Eternal Warrior."

If Imperatrix Virago sounds like a major villain on a par with Darkseid, Thanos, or Darth Vader, there's good reason: She pretty much is! "Imperatrix Virago is an omega-level necromancer who's an order of magnitude more powerful than Master Darque on his best day," Paknadel said. "She's a scourge who travels from planet to planet in order to convert their life energy into the necromantic energy she needs to sustain her unnaturally long life. Key to this is her slave Syntilla, whose touch releases the necromantic energy in all living things, destroying them in the process. She's a warrior and a queen and a total nightmare."

Will it be up to the Geomancer Tama and the Eternal Warrior to stop her, or will they be assisted by other Valiant heroes? "Gilad and Tama are mostly alone in this fight due to the mystical nature of the threat," Paknadel said, "but as the incursion becomes more visible you're certainly going to see other Valiant heroes joining the fray; however, I can tell you that Doctor Mirage has a pivotal role in the story."

It sounds as if the conflict will operate on two fronts, with the Geomancer running a defensive front on Earth while the Eternal Warrior tries to take the battle into Deadside territory. Is that the basic plan? "Gilad's certainly going to be travelling to the Deadside, and we're going to discover that he's not entirely welcome there," Paknadel replied. "You see, Gilad's very existence as Earth's eternal champion offends some of the denizens of the Deadside. Gilad never stays dead, so for them that's a horrifying insult. As for Tama, she's going to be fighting a far more personal battle while Gilad's off hacking his way through a horde of undead xenoghosts."

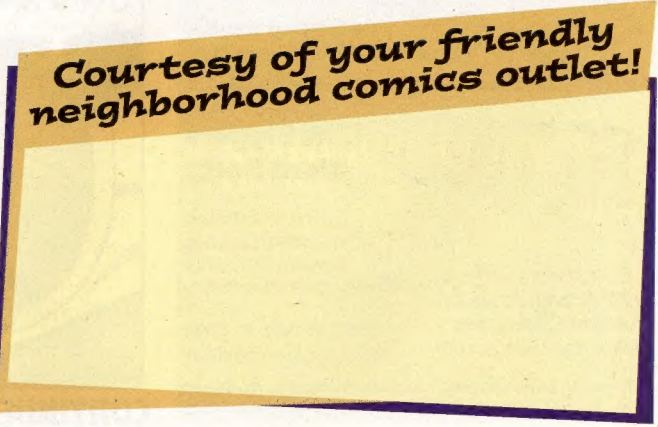
While *Incursion* is a self-contained limited series, its rami-



fications will extend beyond the four issues. "We definitely have plans for those characters who survive *Incursion*," Valiant Senior Editorial Director Robert Meyers said. "While I can't spill any beans yet, let's just say that *Incursion* is a platform for both the Eternal Warrior and the mystical side of the Valiant Universe."

*Incursion* #1, a \$3.99 comic by Andy Diggle, Alex Paknadel, & Doug Braithwaite, is scheduled for February 20th release. *Incursion* #2 follows on March 20th.

by Cliff Biggers



## Coming Comics— Marvel in March

With the coming of Apocalypse and the X-Tracts, the world is shaken by rebellion in *Age of X-Man: The Marvelous X-Men #2* (by Zac Thompson, Lonnie Nadler, & Marco Failla). Can the X-Men quell the insurrection in the name of order?

In the *Age of X-Man*, when you break the law, you aren't sent to just *any* prison. You're sent to the Danger Room—a penitentiary filled with the roughest and meanest mutants who don't fit into X-Man's utopia. They each have a reason for being there. And they're all ready to kill each other. But that's about to change in *Age of X-Man: Prisoner X #1* (by Vita Ayala & German Peralta), because the newest prisoner just arrived: Lucas Bishop!



The students of the Summers Institute begin to question their memories in *Age of X-Man: NextGen #2* (by Ed Brisson & Marcus To). But when the curtain is pulled back, can Glob Herman save his friends... and reality?

Everyone's favorite blue X-Man has a secret in *Age of X-Man: The Amazing Nightcrawler #2* (by Seanan McGuire & Juan Frigeri). Can Kurt's squeaky-clean public image survive an explosive affair?

X-Man has created a utopia for mutants... a utopia where no one knows love. Thankfully, a hero rises up to lead the rebellion against this way of life and teach the ways of family and romance in *Age of X-Man: Apocalypse and the X-Tracts #1* (by Tim

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Seeley & Salva Espin)—and he goes by the name... En Sabah Nur?! Join Apocalypse and his rebel X-Tracts as they strive to teach the world to love again!

As Department X continues its work of purging and revising the ill-fitting elements of society, an encounter with a pregnant rebel begins eating away at the team from within in *Age of X-Man: Extremists #2* (by Leah Williams & Georges Jeanty).

Kraven's plan begins to unfold in *Amazing Spider-Man #18* (by Nick Spencer & Humberto Ramos). He lets the prey loose—and the hunt begins! But Kraven isn't the hunter this time. Who has Spider-Man in their crosshairs?!

The Asgardians thought they were in trouble when they stumbled upon a planet full of refugees—and that was before the planet started moving. Just what have their newfound allies gotten them into?! Find out in *Asgardians of the Galaxy #7* (by Cullen Bunn & Matteo Buffagni).

Welcome to the Avengers, Blade—hope you survive the experience! Though there

are plenty of vampires out there that definitely won't, as the civil war tearing apart the worldwide undead community rages on in *Avengers #16* (by Jason Aaron & David Marquez). Then witness the final fate of Dracula in *Avengers #17*. And the world of the Marvel Universe vampires will be changed forever. Who will be the new Lord of the Damned?

The Scarlet Witch comes face to face with Conan when she is thrust into the Hyborian Age in *Avengers: No Road Home #6* (by Al Ewing, Mark Waid, Jim Zub, & Sean Isaackse).

T'Challa journeys to the place where N'Jadaka's rise began—the homeworld of the Between—in *Black Panther #10* (by Ta-Nehisi Coates & Kev Walker). But what he learns there will lead him to question the rebellion's very foundation.

The mysterious, self-proclaimed Prince of Madripoor is throwing a party, in *Black Widow #3* (by Jen & Sylvia Soska and Flaviano), and the guest list is filled with a who's who of villains... and the Black Widow is determined to be a party crasher.

No costume, no shield, trapped behind bars with a thousand villains and killers who'd like nothing more than to see him dead, Steve Rogers fights back in *Captain America #9* (by Ta-Nehisi Coates & Adam Kubert).

She-Hulk joins Captain Marvel in her war on Roosevelt Island in *Captain Marvel #3* (by Kelly Thompson & Carmen Carnero). But the barrier continues to cut them off from the rest of the world, while Nuclear Man's ranks are somehow swelling, and

something on the island is interfering with superpowers. If Carol's going to win this fight, she'll need an army of friends, a hangar of war machines and an ironclad plan...

Cloak and Dagger may be back together, working as superpowered police consultants, but Tandy and Tyrone are another story. With both involved in new relationships, will the tension of each watching their ex with someone new break apart their newly re-formed team? Find out in *Cloak and Dagger: Negative Exposure GN* (by Dennis Hopeless, Francesco Manna, & Ruairi Coleman).

Bêlit. The name alone conjures fear up and down the coasts of the Hyborian Age.



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Now learn her backstory in *Age of Conan: Bêlit #1* (by Tini Howard & Kate Niemczyk). The teenage Bêlit, obsessed with the sea—as well as the monsters and treasures she thinks are summoning her there—stows away and plunges into a deadly adventure even she could not predict!



Conan descends into Stygian catacombs in search of a mystical treasure in *Savage Sword of Conan #3* (by Gerry Duggan & Ron Garney). But what secrets does the trove hold, and can Conan trust his compatriots? The Crimson Witch makes good on her threat to King Conan in *Conan the Barbarian #4* (by Jason Aaron & Gerardo Zaffino). The Cosmic Ghost Rider is stuck in the past, so he might as well have some fun with the origins of the Marvel Universe, in *Cosmic Ghost Rider Destroys Marvel History #1* (by Paul Scheer, Nick Giovannetti, & Gerardo Sandoval). After going back in time and trying to kill Thanos as a baby, Frank Castle has sworn off trying to alter history. But when he arrives in Earth's past at the birth of the Fantastic Four, how can he resist? Sin and Miss Sinister have Logan in their clutches in *Dead Man Logan #5* (by Ed Brisson & Mike Henderson), and they won't be happy until his corpse is picked clean... Doctor Strange finally comes face to face with the man who controls Earth's magic in *Doctor Strange #12* (by Mark Waid & Barry Kitson). What chance does Strange have against a foe who can literally turn off Strange's spells?!

Domino and her pals Outlaw and Diamondback are caught between warring nations in *Domino: Hotshots #1* (by Gail Simone & David Baldeon). And it'll take a whole new crew of international women of mystery to sort it out! Latveria is about to take its rightful place on the world stage in *Fantastic Four #8* (by Dan Slott & Aaron Kuder). Thanks to the benevolence and ingenuity of their beloved leader, Victor Von Doom, Latverians will soon know a new age of peace and prosperity! All of this shall come to pass—as long as they can repel these four nefarious foreign invaders who have illegally entered their beloved country!

The Dark Guardians ascend in *Guardians of the Galaxy #3* (by Donny Cates & Geoff Shaw). With a new Thanos rising, the galaxy calls for a group of heroes who will use any means necessary to end this threat. Unfortunately for Star-Lord, that's not the Guardians of the Galaxy...

The Hulk is already on Weapon H's tail—but Wolverine gets involved, in *Hulkverines #2* (by Greg Pak & Guiu Vilanova). And he's got an Adamantium-laced bone to pick with Weapon H...

Betty Ross is going through a lot. She's having a family crisis. Her employers won't pick up the phone. And at her door is the



husband she thought was dead. But Bruce Banner hasn't been alone in *Immortal Hulk #14* (by Al Ewing & Kyle Hotz)... he's brought an emerald-skinned engine of destruction with him. America prepares for its final war with Atlantis in *Invaders #3* (by Chip Zdarsky, Carlos Magno, & Butch Guice). It's a race against the clock as the Winter Soldier infiltrates the military and Captain America confronts Namor's human allies alongside the original Human Torch! When her daughter, Danielle, comes home with purple skin, Jessica Jones is forced to question everything she thought

she knew about her time with the Purple Man and her marriage to Luke Cage in *Jessica Jones: Purple Daughter GN* (by Kelly Thompson & Matetia De Iulis).

Ms Marvel is back... but it's not business as usual in Jersey City. Aliens are wreaking havoc in Kamala's corner of the world, and they seem weirdly interested in Ms Marvel and her family in *Magnificent Ms Marvel #1* (by Saladin Ahmed & Minkyu Jung).

*Marvel Comics Presents #3* presents the next chapter in the Wolverine tale "The Vigil," as well as stories of Captain America during the Civil Rights movement and a 1960s-era Spidey tale.

makes them different—is that they're shape-shifting Skrulls who have infiltrated our society to pave the way for a Skrull invasion in *Meet the Skrulls #1* (by Robbie Thompson & Niko Henrichon).

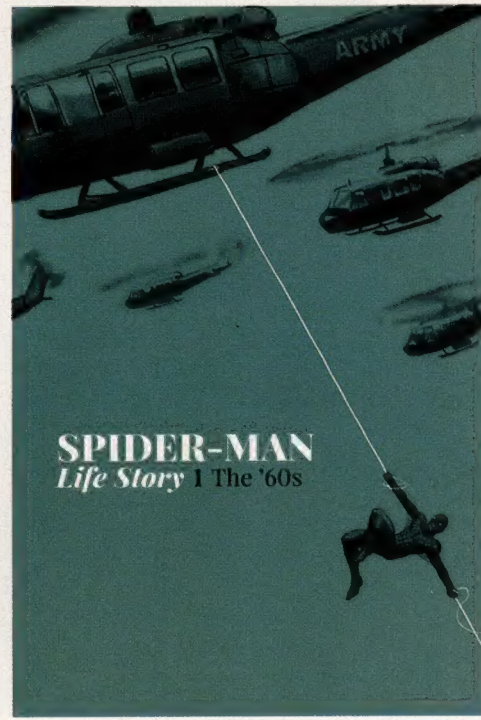
Vice Principal Drutcher is fed up with Miles' excuses for his tardiness and absences. Young Mr Morales is up to something, and Drutcher will figure it out in *Miles Morales: Spider-Man #4* (by Saladin Ahmed & Javier Garron), if it's the last thing he does!

At long last, Shuri faces her destiny in *Shuri #6* (by Vita Ayala & Paul Davidson). With her brother gone and Wakanda in peril, the Black Panther is needed. But the Princess of Wakanda is more than any mask—and she's about to face a threat unlike any Wakanda has seen before.

Frank's war on Bagalia gets bloodier in *The Punisher #9* (by Matthew Rosenberg & Szymon Kudranski). But Zemo's not going down without a fight.

Gwen Stacy of Earth-65 has resolved to stay on her home turf and resume her normally scheduled superheroics as Ghost-Spider. But in the wake of the Hand's downfall, something sinister is stalking the streets of New York in *Spider-Gwen: Ghost Spider #6* (by Seanan McGuire & Takeshi Miyazawa). *Spider-Man: Far from Home Prelude #1* (by Will Corona Pilgrim & Luca Maresca) presents an adaptation of *Spider-Man: Homecoming*.

In 1962, in *Amazing Fantasy #15*, 15-year-old Peter Parker was bitten by a radioactive spider and became the Amazing Spider-Man! Fifty-seven years have passed in the real world since that event—so what would have happened if the same amount of time had passed for Peter as well? Find out in *Spider-Man: Life Story*, a remarkable six-issue high-end limited series by Chip Zdarsky & Mark Bagley that's part of the celebration of Marvel's 80th anniversary. This series chronicles the entire history of Spider-Man from beginning to end, set against the key events of the decades through which he lived! In *Spider-Man: Life Story #1*, when Flash Thompson is drafted to serve during the Vietnam War, Spidey must weigh the question of where his responsibility truly lies!



After years of seeing Wilson Fisk escape criminal prosecution, the wise-cracking web-slinger finally has the opportunity to team with the PDNY to help them arrest his fearsome foe in *Marvel's Spider-Man: City at War #1* (by Dennis Hopeless & Michele Bandini). But when the Kingpin of Crime is removed from the mean streets of the Big Apple, how will the mysterious Mister Negative's ascent to power bring Peter Parker's civilian world and Spider-Man's superhuman worlds crashing together?

He has been many things: a Sith warrior, a commander, a destroyer. But there are some who have seen the Dark Lord in a different light—and comics readers will join their ranks in *Star Wars: Vader—Dark Visions #s 1 & 2* (by Dennis Hopeless, Paolo Villanelli, & Brian Level). There are some corners of the galaxy so dark and desperate that even Vader can be a knight in shining armor...

Kanchar returns in *Star Wars #63* (by Kieron Gillen & Angel Unzueta), and he's still got an amazing cybernetic arm.

Padmé sets out in secret to try to bring a neutral world into the Republic fold in *Star Wars: Age of Republic—Padmé Amidala #1* (by Jody Houser & Cory Smith). Is this a genuine offer of alliance... or another trap for the outspoken Senator?

In his hunt to kill Jedi, Grievous stumbles across a power greater than he imagined in *Star Wars: Age of Republic—General Grievous #1* (by Jody Houser & Luke Ross). Can

Grievous strike a blow against the very Force itself?

With San Francisco and Otto in ruins after Terrax's attack, rebuilding is required. But a weakened Superior Spider-Man may be chum in the water to opportunistic villains in *Superior Spider-Man #4* (by Christos Gage & Mike Hawthorne).

Lady Freyja struggles to protect Asgard's refugees as Malekith's forces grow bold in *Thor #11* (by Jason Aaron & Lee Garbett). But the All-Mother won't have to protect Midgard alone—enter Thor and his faithful dog Thori!

Once the worst nightmare of New York's criminal element, Eddie Brock has been living a nightmare of his own, cut off from the symbiote's personality and now dealing with the resurgence of the cancer that once ravaged his body. With no one else to turn to, Eddie must revisit the Maker in *Venom #12* (by Donny Cates & Ryan Stegman).

Squirrel Girl takes on Kang the Conqueror in *The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl #42* (by Ryan North, Erica Henderson, Derek Charm, & Naomi Franquize), which is also Squirrel Girl's 50th (or is it 55th?) issue.

(Just pick up the book, and they'll explain the math...)

Cyclops and Wolverine draw together a new team of X-Men from the ashes of "X-Men Disassembled," and now they turn their eyes to setting their agenda in *Uncanny X-Men #13* (by Matthew Rosenberg & Salvador Larroca). Cyclops has a list of things the X-Men have to take care of... if it's the last thing they ever do.



Pop religion collides with serious mystic power in sunny Los Angeles in *West Coast Avengers #9* (by Kelly Thompson & Gang Hyuk Lim), and somehow, the new Masters of Evil and Kate Bishop's parents and her ex-boyfriend are tied up in it!

Wolverine is the best there is at what he does. But how is he at protecting the universe from cosmic disaster? Would you guess better or worse than Loki, the admitted god of lies? We're about to find out in *Wolverine: Infinity Watch #2* (by Gerry Duggan & Andy MacDonald).

The mystery behind X-Assassin is revealed in *X-23 #10* (by Mariko Tamaki & Diego Olortegui).

Ahab returns to exterminate X-Force in *X-Force #4* (by Ed Brisson & Dylan Burnett). What twisted scheme is Ahab concocting? The team has begun to put the pieces together—but will they figure it out in time to stop mass genocide?

The fourth installment in the blockbuster Avengers saga is about to hit theaters! An action epic like no other, it will be the culmination of 22 interconnected films—and audiences will witness the finale of this epic journey across the length and breadth of the Marvel Cinematic Universe! *The Road to Marvel's Avengers 4—The Art of the Marvel Cinematic Universe Slipcase HC* features art from the films leading up to this thrilling event—including additional behind-the-scenes images, interviews, and photography from *Avengers: Infinity War*!

Marvel collected editions (advance solicited for April and May release) include:

- *Asgardians of the Galaxy Volume 1 TP*, collecting *Asgardians of the Galaxy* #s 1-5.
- *Avengers Epic Collection: Fear the Reaper TP*, collecting *Avengers* (1963) #s 348-359 & *Annual 21* and more.
- *Avengers Assemble: Living Legends TP*, collecting *Thor: Where Walk the Frost Giants*, *Black Panther: The Sound and the Fury*, *Avengers: Shards of Infinity*, *Ant-Man and The Wasp: Living Legends*, and *Captain Marvel: Stronger and Mightier*.



• *Avengers World: The Complete Collection TP*, collecting *Avengers World* #s 1-21 and more.



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- **Avenging Spider-Man: The Complete Collection TP**, collecting *Avenging Spider-Man* #s 1–15 and more.
- **Black Order: The Warmasters of Thanos TP**, collecting *Black Order* #s 1–5.
- **Cable and X-Force Omnibus HC**, collecting *X-Force* (1991) #s 32–43 & *Annual* #3, *Cable* (1993) #s 9–20, and more.
- **Conan the Barbarian: The Original Marvel Years Omnibus Volume 2 HC**, collecting *Conan the Barbarian* (1970) #s 27–51 & *Annual* #1, *Giant-Size Conan* #1, and material from *Savage Sword of Conan* #s 1, 8, & 10.
- **Decades: Marvel in the '70s—Legion of Monsters TP**, collecting *Legion of Monsters* (1975) #1, *Marvel Preview* #8, *Marvel Premiere* #28, *Marvel Spotlight* #s 2 & 5, *Tomb of Dracula* #1, and *Frankenstein* #1.
- **Incredible Hulk #181 Facsimile Edition**, an ads-and-all reprint of the first full Wolverine appearance.
- **Iron Man Epic Collection: The Man Who Killed Tony Stark TP**, collecting *Iron Man* (1968) #s 2–24.
- **Iron Man: Heroes Return—The Complete Collection Volume 1 TP**, collecting *Iron Man*

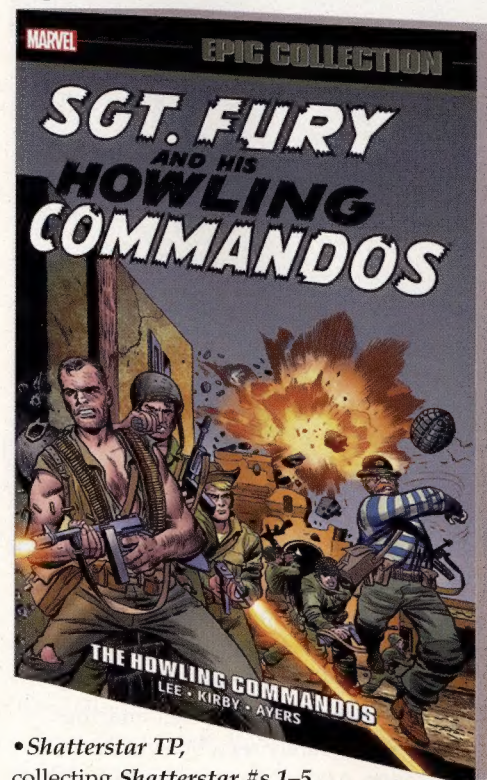
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- (1998) #s 1–14 and much more.
- **Marvel Tales: Thor #1**, reprinting the first appearance of Loki from *Journey into Mystery* #85, the first appearance of Hercules from *Journey into Mystery Annual* #1, and Walt Simonson's debut in *Thor* #337, as well as *Avengers* #83.
- **Conan Chronicles Epic Collection: The Heart of Yag-Kosha TP**, collecting *Conan* (2004) #s 20–39.
- **Heroes Reborn Omnibus HC**, collecting *Heroes Reborn* #1/2, *Captain America* (1996) #s 1–12, *Avengers* (1996) #s 1–12, *Fantastic Four* (1996) #s 1–12, and more.
- **Kirby Is... Mighty! King-Size HC**, a 13" x 21" full-color hardcover compilation of Kirby-illustrated tales from *Thor* #s 160–162 & 167–170, along with Thor tales from *Journey into Mystery* #s 83 & 125 and *Thor* #s 126, 131–133, & 137–139.
- **Marvel Knights: Fantastic Four by Aguirre-Sacasa, McNiven, & Muniz—The Complete Collection Volume 1 TP**, collecting *Marvel Knights 4* #s 1–14 and more.
- **Marvel Knights 20th TP**, collecting *Marvel Knights 20th* #s 1–6.
- **Marvel Masterworks Captain America Volume 11 HC**, collecting *Captain America* (1968) #s 201–214 & *Annual* #4.
- **Marvel Universe: The World Outside Your Window HC**, collecting tales of Marvel heroes confronting real-life challenges from the pages of *Amazing Spider-Man* (1963) #97, *Howard the Duck* (1976) #8, *Iron Man* (1968) #128, *New Mutants* (1983) #45, *Alpha Flight* (1983) #106, *Uncanny X-Men* (1981) #303, *Incredible Hulk* (1968) #420, *Amazing Spider-Man* (1999) #36, *Captain America* (2002) #1, *Astonishing X-Men* (2004) #51, *Ms Marvel* (2015) #13, *Champions* (2016) #24, and more.



- **Marvel Universe: The End TP**, collecting the six-issue *Jim Starlin* miniseries.
- **Mighty Avengers by Dan Slott: The Complete Collection TP**, collecting *Mighty Avengers* #s 21–36 and more.
- **Runaways by Rainbow Rowell & Kris Anka Volume 3: That Was Yesterday TP**, collecting *Runaways* (2017) #s 13–18.
- **Secret Avengers by Rick Remender: The Complete Collection TP**, collecting *Secret*

- Avengers* (2010) #s 21.1 & 22–37.
- **Sgt Fury Epic Collection: The Howling Commandos TP**, collecting the early Silver Age issues of *Sgt Fury*, including the classic *Captain America* issue.

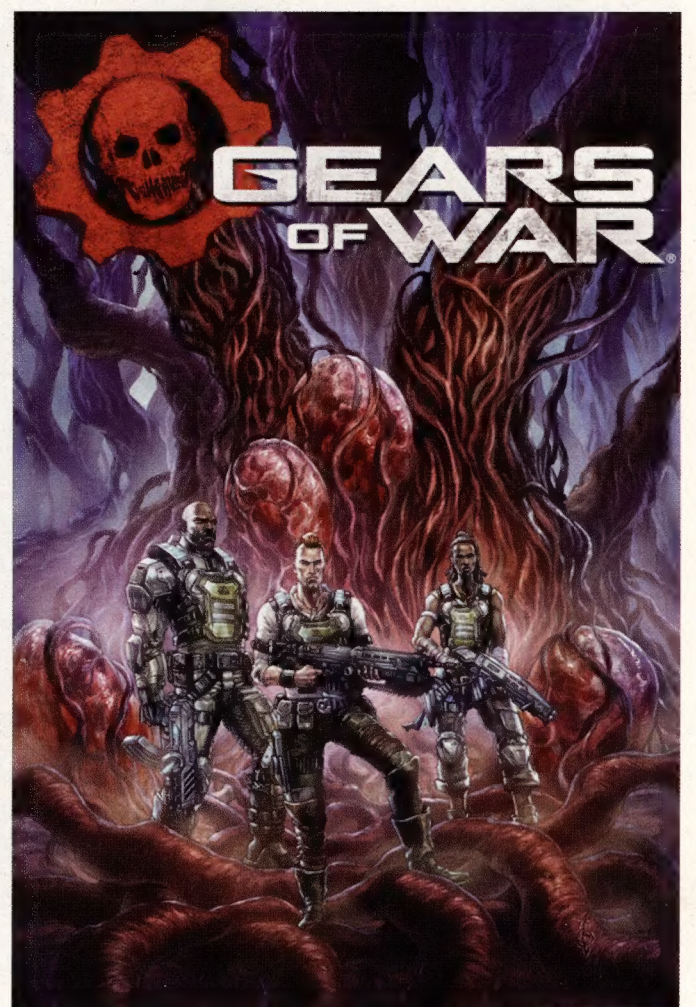


- **Shatterstar TP**, collecting *Shatterstar* #s 1–5.
- **SHIELD by Hickman & Weaver: The Human Machine TP**, collecting *SHIELD* (2011) #s 1–4, *SHIELD* by Hickman & Weaver #s 5–6, and *SHIELD Infinity*.
- **Shuri Volume 1: The Search for Black Panther TP**, collecting *Shuri* #s 1–5.
- **Silver Surfer: Parable 30th Anniversary Edition HC**, collecting the *Stan Lee–Moebius* limited series.
- **Spider-Man 2099 vs Venom 2099 TP**, collecting *Spider-Man 2099* (1992) #s 34–38 and more.
- **Spider-Man/Deadpool Volume 8: Road Trip TP**, collecting *Spider-Man/Deadpool* #s 41–45.
- **Spider-Man: Light in the Darkness TP**, collecting *Peter Parker: Spider-Man* (1999) #s 20–33 & *Annual* 2000 and more.
- **Spider-Man: New Ways to Live TP**, collecting *Amazing Spider-Man* (1999) #s 602–611, *Anti-Venom: New Ways to Live* #s 1–3, *Jackpot* #s 1–3, and much more.
- **Star Wars Volume 10: The Escape TP**, collecting *Star Wars* (2015) #s 56–61.
- **Star Wars: Han Solo—Imperial Cadet TP**, collecting the five-part series.
- **Star Wars Legends Epic Collection: The Empire Volume 5 TP**, collecting *Star Wars: Droids* (1994) #s 1–6, *Droids* (1995) #s 1–8, and more.
- **Thanos by Donny Cates HC**, collecting *Thanos* (2016) #s 13–18 & *Annual* #1, *Cosmic Ghost Rider* #s 1–5, and *Thanos Legacy* #1.
- **Thor by Kieron Gillen: The Complete Collection TP**, col-

- lecting *Thor* (2017) #s 604–614, *Siege: Loki*, and *New Mutants* (2009) #11.
- **The Unstoppable Wasp: Unlimited TP**, collecting *The Unstoppable Wasp* (2018) #s 1–5.
- **Venom by Donny Cates Volume 2 TP**, collecting *Venom* (2018) #s 7–12.
- **Weapon H Volume 2 TP**, collecting *Weapon H* #s 7–12.
- **What If? With Great Power TP**, collecting all six 2018 *What If?* oneshots.
- **X-Men by Peter Milligan Volume 1: Dangerous Liaisons TP**, collecting *X-Men* (1991) #s 166–176 and *Black Panther* (2015) #s 8–9.
- **X-Men: Eve of Destruction HC**, collecting *Magneto: Dark Seduction* #s 1–4, *Uncanny X-Men* (1981) #s 390–393 & *Annual* 2000, *X-Men* (1991) #s 110–113, and much more.

## Coming Comics—IDW in March

Sherlock Holmes' strong-willed and equally brilliant younger sister takes center stage in *Enola Holmes: The Case of the Left-Handed Lady* (by Serena Blasco with Nancy Springer), a graphic novel adaptation of Nancy Springer's bestselling mystery. Hiding from Sherlock and their older brother, Mycroft, who want to place her in a boarding school following her mother's disappearance, Enola has reinvented herself as Ivy Meshle, secretary to the fictitious Dr Ragostin, specialist in finding missing persons. Her new client? None other than Sherlock's friend, Dr John Watson! His mission: to employ Dr Ragostin to find the missing Enola! After successfully busting a Swarm hive on the remote island of Pahanu, this suicide squad will face their most dangerous mission yet—going after the Swarm that decimated the home settlement of one of their own—in *Gears of War: Hivebusters* #1 (by Kurtis Wiebe & Alan Quah).



The Gorgeous Ladies of Wrestling are ready to take on the world—or at least LA—in *GLOW #1* (by Tini Howard & Hannah Templer), a comic based on the hit Netflix series! When the unthinkable happens and the women of GLOW find themselves ahead of schedule, Sam ruins the promise of a wrestling-free weekend with... more wrestling! Robbed of blissful relaxation and forced to raise money to fund its way to the event, the GLOW team is less than prepared for its opponents: real gorgeous lady wrestlers. What could possibly go wrong?

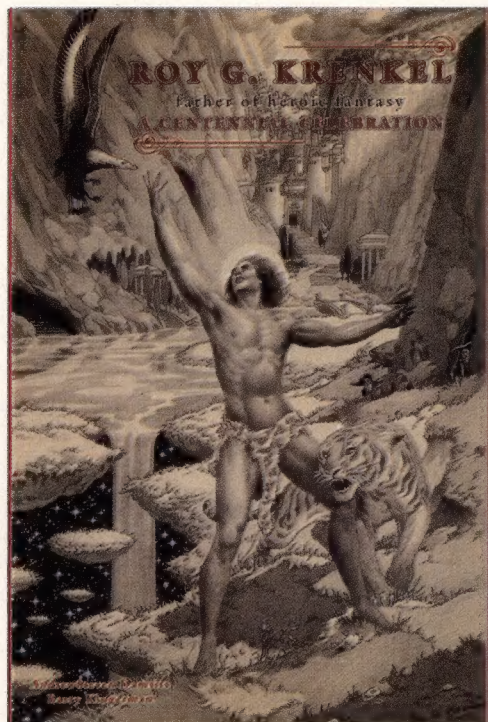
When young tech entrepreneur Veruca Curry buys the old Whaley House, the kids in town are worried the ghosts who haunt it will get her. But when they discover Veruca's horrible secret, it will turn their world upside down in *Goosebumps: Horrors of the Witch House #1* (by Denton Tipton, Matthew Dow Smith, & Chris Fenoglio).

Forever on the move, Highwayman travels through the vastness of North America searching for the source of his condition in *Highwayman TP* (by Koren Shadmi). He suffers from a strange, seemingly incurable disease: immortality.

Thor, Captain Marvel, and Doctor Strange have gone missing! Forced to face fiendish foes without their teammates, can the rest of the Avengers find their friends before it's too late? Find out in *Marvel Action Avengers #4* (by Matthew K. Manning & Jon Sommariva).

Black Panther and Shuri faced a deadly swarm of mosquitos in the depths of the Wakandan jungle. Now they must race home to defend their country from the mastermind behind the recent unnatural natural disasters in *Marvel Action Black Panther #3* (by Kyle Baker & Juan Samu).

Now that Peter, Miles, and Gwen have joined forces, nothing can stop them! Except maybe for homework and an internship at the *Daily Bugle*. Not to mention being stalked by Kraven the Hunter, which is exactly what happens to them in *Marvel Action Spider-Man #5* (by Erik Burnham & Christopher Jones).



Roy G. Krenkel illustrated numerous works by Edgar Rice Burroughs, Robert E. Howard, Lin Carter, and more. But many of Krenkel's works—what he calls his “doodles,” in a characteristically self-effacing manner—were rarely seen by even his biggest fans. And while many of Roy's doodles were simple drawings, many were finished illustrations done for the pure pleasure of creating art. Now you can see many of these images for the first time in *Roy G. Krenkel: Father of Heroic Fantasy—A Centennial Celebration HC*.

See just how wonderful Sonic's world really is in *Sonic the Hedgehog Annual 2019*. In the lead story, the odd couple of Tangle the Lemur and Whisper the Wolf team up to save a friend in need! Then Sonic and Tails take the Tornado for a spin, but is Sonic going too fast? Plus, Silver and Blaze slow down for a minute to go gardening; the Sonic Fan Club has its first official meeting, and Rouge the Bat hunts for treasure!

*Sons of Chaos HC* (by Chris Jaymes & Ale Aragon) offers an intriguing look into the Greek War for Independence, a war that stimulated the fall of the Ottoman Empire and shaped what we now know as the Western World.

*Star Trek: Waypoint Special 2019*, featuring four all-new tales written and drawn by some of today's top creators, revisits fan-favorite characters all across the Star Trek universe.

*Synergy: A Hasbro Creators Showcase*, a 48-page oneshot, is a celebration of fan-favorites and new talent working with some of the most beloved Hasbro characters.

Cybertron is a world brimming with organic and constructed diversity. Immense structures line its landscape. Mechanical giants roam across its surface. Starship-sized titans orbit its skies, keeping a constant protective watch above and below. This is the Cybertron that Optimus Prime and Megatron vie for in *Transformers #1* (by Brian Ruckley, Angel Hernandez, & Ron Joseph)—a world of seemingly endless peace! All that changes when Bumblebee and Windblade take a newly forged Cybertronian on his first

voyage through this world of wonders — they are confronted by the hard reality of the first murder to have occurred on Cybertron in living memory!

Welcome to the wonderful world of the Circus of the Moon as it crosses the Atlantic to perform in the “New World”! Your guide? Clever Violette Vermeer, daughter of the stuntwoman and the insect trainer. This little girl with a big heart meets two people in *Violette Around the World Volume 2: A New World Symphony HC* (by Teresa Radice & Stefano Turconi): Hiawatha, a young Native American girl, and the famous composer Antonin Dvorak.

*Wynonna Earp: FAN-Tastic Voyage* takes readers into the world of Wynonna Earp through new, unpublished interviews with the cast, crew, creators, and the fans known as Earpers. TV series set photos, candid photographs, and unpublished art from the comic book and graphic novels, as well as special content, will open up new insight into the TV series.



IDW collected editions include:

• *Batman/The Maxx: Arkham Dreams Box Set*, which includes the entire Sam Kieth series complete with logo-free A cover artwork on the front and B cover artwork on the back, along with a special blank cover version of #1.

• *Complete Chester Gould's Dick Tracy Volume 26 HC*, collecting all dailies and Sundays from December 24, 1970, to September 27, 1972.

• *Femme Magnifique: 10 Magnificent Women Who Changed the World*, a curated anthology featuring 10 short tales from the *Femme Magnifique HC*.

• *GI Joe: A Real American Hero Volume 22 TP*, collecting *A Real American Hero* #s 256–260.

• *Impossible Inc TP*, collecting the five-issue series.

• *Magic the Gathering—Chandra TP*, collecting the four-issue series.

• *My Little Pony: Friendship Is Magic Volume 16 TP*, collecting *My Little Pony* #s 69–73.

• *Star Trek vs Transformers TP*, collecting the five-issue crossover series.

• *Star Wars Adventures: Tales from Vader's Castle TP*, collecting the five-issue series.

• *Star Wars Adventures Treasury Edition—Prequel Trilogy* features *Star Wars Adventures* stories in a giant-sized format fit for a Wookiee.

• *Superman: The Golden Age Newspaper Dailies 1947–1949*, collecting 15 storylines by Alvin Schwartz & Wayne Boring.

• *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Color Classics Volume 2 TP*, collecting TMNT #s 8–13 and the Donatello and Leonardo oneshots.

• *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Volume 21: Battle Lines TP*, collecting TMNT #s 86–89.

• *30 Days of Night 100-Page Giant*, a reprint of a long-unavailable tale by Kelly Sue DeConnick, Steve Niles, & Justin Randall.

• *Transformers: The IDW Collection Phase Two Volume 9 HC*, collecting *Transformers* #s 39–43, *More than Meets the Eye* #s 41–44, and *Windblade Volume 2* #s 1–5.

• *Uncle Scrooge: My First Millions TP*, collecting *My First Millions* #s 1–4.

• *V-Wars: The Graphic Novel Collection TP*, collecting *V-Wars* #s 1–11.

## Coming Comics—Scout in March

*Game of Thrones* meets *Dune* in *Monarchs: Binge TP* (by AC Medina & Fernando Pinto). Four young geniuses are abandoned on the planet Vida and are pitted against each other to create a utopian society. A simple experiment becomes an epic story of war, discovery, and leadership as it attempts to answer the age-old questions of what it takes to be the victor and to what means one would go to win and be the last man standing.

In *Peter Ricq's Once Our Land Book Two #2*, Fritz and Neemo head out in search of ruthless kidnappers who murdered a slew of men in order to kidnap a lady in distress in the woods. The murderers' trail leads them to what seems to be an impenetrable town with an enormous defensive wall surrounding it.



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Nine-year-old royal orphan Zakaiah falls heir to the throne of the broken postapocalyptic kingdom of Pacifica, in *Don Aguillo's Rise #1*, and must endure the Trials of the House of Jasser, a series of tests designed to prepare her to occupy the seat of the kingdom.

Stabbity Bunny and Grace find themselves in Wonderland in *Stabbity Ever After #2* (by Richard Rivera & Ryan Kincaid). For a little while, it almost appears things might go smoothly, but then the queen of hearts gets involved and decides she wants Grace's magical powers.



*Star Bastard #1* (by Andrew Clemson & Jethro Morales) follows a long suffering mercenary crew as it stumbles through the universe under the clumsy command of the loud, obnoxious (and invulnerable) Captain Greeves.

*Long Lost Book Two TP* collects *Long Lost Book Two* #s 1–6.

## Coming Comics—Dark Horse in March

Haunted by the death of her grandmother and distraught from losing her position as a Sentinel—the protectors of the only home she's ever known—Jani finds solace in stealing a Javelin exosuit and running away from Fort Tarsis. Her impulses lead her to the jungle, where a menacing threat awaits her in *Anthem #2* (by Alexander Freed, Mac Walters, & Eduardo Francisco).

Learn the techniques, tools, and approaches of some of the finest inkers in comics in *The Art of Comic Book Inking TP (Third Edition)*, and use the included eight full-sized blue-lined art boards featuring pencil art by top comics illustrators for practice or as samples to show editors. This expanded edition includes new art and text by Gary Martin and a bonus chapter on digital inking.

Chen Andalou, the black sheep of a prominent activist family, returns after being accidentally put in cryostasis for 60 years. Chen, a cosmic criminal, wakes up to find his younger brother is now the president of the galaxy. Chen does what he knows best: He steals stuff and causes a problem in

*Astro Hustle #1* (by Jai Nitz, Tom Reilly, & Ursula Decay).

Cursed at birth, Charlene "Chuck" Manchester hires out her own bad luck, providing disaster where someone else can profit. She can get you that insurance payout fortune—for a price. But bad luck doesn't always go as planned, and when Chuck gets stuck between a dissatisfied crime boss client and a cult leader and a dogged insurance-fraud investigator, things get explosive in *Bad Luck Chuck #1* (by Lela Gwenn & Matthew Dow Smith).

During the Golden Age of superheroes, an elite Air Force crew called the Black Hammer Squadron was formed to fight the Axis powers. Facing occult threats from the German side, this team must save a family of scientists from the Nazi's. But the mysterious and dangerous Ghost Hunter is hot on its trail in *Black Hammer '45: From the World of Black Hammer #1* (by Jeff Lemire, Ray Fawkes, & Matt Kindt).

In *Calamity Kate #1* (by Magdalene Visaggio & Corin Howell), Kate Strand reboots her destructive life and moves to LA to be the superhero she always wanted to be: Calamity Kate, gun-toting monster killer. With her latest career change, she faces new challenges, relationships, and competition, and she's desperate to show she's worth a damn in a world overrun by zombies, vampires, demons, goblins, and the ultimate monster bounty: the Seven Fabled Beasts of Yore.

Donald Duck and Scrooge star in *Disney Hamlet TP*, an adaptation of William Shakespeare's *Hamlet*.



The year is 1967, and a young Japanese man meets and falls in love with a mysterious young woman who carries a past deeper and more profound than his dreams and fears of tomorrow in *Emanon Volume 1: Memories of Emanon TP* (by Shinji Kajio & Kenji Tsuruta).

Is it possible for the same woman to be murdered twice? Thrown 50 years into the future, lost in a world both familiar and terrifying, Kathy Sartori tries to solve the riddle of her own murder in *Girl in the Bay #2* (by JM DeMatteis & Corin Howell)—only to find herself faced with another tragic and brutal death.



*Grunt: The Art and Unpublished Comics of James Stokoe HC* showcases the work of inimitable comics creator James Stokoe, who has drawn some of the most visually meticulous and surreal illustrations in modern comics, featuring some of his bestselling illustrations from works such as *Orc Stain*, *Aliens: Dead Orbit*, *Wonton Soup*, *Godzilla in Hell*, and more.

• *Halo Omnibus Volume 2 TP*, collecting *Halo: Escalation* #s 13–24.

*Hellboy: The Art of the Motion Picture HC* collects a dozen chapters of concept art and set photography to offer a behind-the-scenes look at the most anticipated paranormal action thriller of 2019!

Boyle, the creepy caretaker, presents five frightening tales of startling suspense and thrilling adventure in *House of Fear: Attack of the Killer Snowmen and Other Stories TP*.

Set in a far-flung star system, *Invisible Kingdom #1* (by G. Willow Wilson & Christian Ward) tells the tale of two women—a young religious acolyte and a hard-bitten freighter pilot—who separately uncover a vast conspiracy between the leader of the system's dominant religion and the megacorporation that controls society. On the run from reprisals from both sides, these unlikely rebels risk plunging the world into anarchy if they reveal the truth.

Korra must decide what the fate of the Earth Kingdom hangs in the balance in *The Legend of Korra: Ruins of the Empire Part One TP* (by Michael Dante DiMartino & Michelle Wong).

*Pros and (Comic) Cons TP* features comics and prose stories by cartoonists and professional geeks about the world of comic

book conventions from the guests who've attended them across the world: funny, sad, sweet, embarrassing, and heartfelt stories of a geek-culture life that shapes us, encourages us, and exhausts us every summer.

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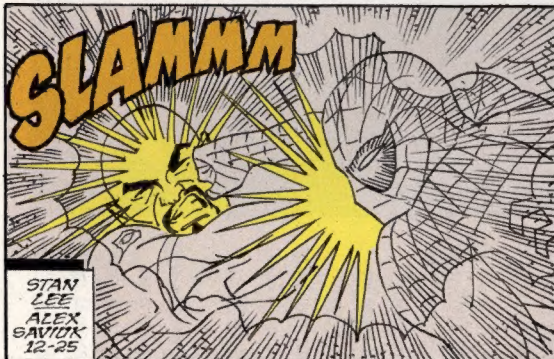
- *Call of Duty: Zombies 2 TP*, collecting the three-issue miniseries.
- *Death Orb Volume 1 TP*, collecting *Death Orb* #s 1–5.
- *Dept H Omnibus Volume 1 TP*, collecting *Dept H* #s 1–12.
- *Disney•Pixar Toy Story 4 TP*, collecting the four-issue series.
- *Dr Horrible and Other Horrible Stories (Second Edition) TP*, collecting the first *Dr Horrible* oneshot, a variety of short tales, and the 2018 *Dr Horrible: Best Friends Forever* oneshot.
- *God of War TP*, collecting *God of War* #s 0–4.
- *The Horror of Collier County HC*, collecting the five-issue series.
- *Lightstep TP*, collecting *Lightstep* #s 1–5.
- *Moonshadow: The Definitive Edition HC*, collecting the moody, evocative series by JM DeMatteis, Jon J. Muth, George Pratt, & Kent Williams.
- *Predator: Hunters II TP*, collecting the four-issue series.
- *Quantum Age: From the World of Black Hammer Volume 1 TP*, collecting *Quantum Age* #s 1–6.
- *Stranger Things Volume 1: The Other Side TP*, collecting *Stranger Things* #s 1–4.
- *Sword Daughter Volume 2: Folded Metal HC*, collecting *Sword Daughter* #s 4–6.
- *Usagi Yojimbo Saga Volume 8 TP/HC*, "Two Hundred Jizo," "Thieves and Spies," and "The Hell Screen."
- *The Whispering Dark TP*, collecting the four-issue series.



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